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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 and 41-81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39, 41 and 64-67 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-63, 68-73 and 75-80 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 74 and 81 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 3/16/06 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of patent No. 6,546,901 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 42-56,58,60-63,68-73 and 75-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rowells (US 5,634,447).

As to Claim 42, Rowells discloses a internal combustion engine 10 having housing means, compressor means 34, reciprocating means 28, and fuel supply means 25, to cause combustion of said fuel between said compressor means 34 and said reciprocating means 28 wherein said compressor means 34 and said reciprocating means 28 receive a power transfer from said combustion.

As to Claim 43, Rowells discloses fuel injection means 25.

As to Claim 44, Rowells discloses ignition means by compression.

As to Claim 45, Rowells discloses cooling means (not numbered).

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As to Claim 46, Rowells discloses lubrication means (inherent).

As to Claim 47, Rowells discloses cylinder means 26.

As to Claim 48, Rowells discloses piston means 28.

As to Claim 49, Rowells discloses camshaft means (inherent).

As to Claim 50, Rowells discloses valve means 30.

As to Claim 51, Rowells discloses throttle means (inherently located in the intake manifold 19).

As to Claim 52, Rowells discloses crankshaft means 21.

As to Claim 53, Rowells discloses a method for internal combustion engine, which comprises: compressing a fuel within a housing means between a compressor means 34 and a reciprocating means 28 to cause combustion wherein the energy of combustion is transferred to said reciprocating means 28 and said compressor means 34.

As to Claim 54, Rowells discloses said compressor means 34 is rotationally connected to said reciprocating means 28.

As to Claim 55, Rowells discloses fuel injection means 25 injects fuel into said housing means.

As to Claim 56, Rowells discloses a method for a internal combustion engine 10, which comprises: compressing a fuel within a housing means between a compressor means 34 and a reciprocating means 28 wherein the energy of combustion is transferred to said reciprocating means 28 and said compressor means 34.

As to Claim 58, Rowells discloses apparatus for a internal combustion engine 10, which comprises housing means; compressor means 34; reciprocating means 28; fuel supply means 25; means to compress fuel between said compressor means 34 and said reciprocating means 28 to initiate combustion, wherein the power of combustion is transferred to said reciprocating means 28 and said compressor means 34.

As to Claim 60, Rowells discloses cooling means (not numbered).

As to Claim 61, Rowells discloses lubrication means (inherent).

As to Claim 62, Rowells discloses valve means 30.

As to Claim 63, Rowells discloses bearing means (inherent to support crankshaft 21).

As to Claim 68, Rowells discloses an internal combustion engine comprising: a housing providing necessary spaces in the engine; a compressor 34 for forcing combustible material into the engine; a fuel injector 25 for injecting fuel into the engine for combustion; and a reciprocating assembly 28,21 for compressing combustible material held within said housing between the compressor 34 and said reciprocating assembly 28,21 for causing detonation of said combustible material, wherein said compressor 34 can compress additional combustible material after detonation commences. **See col. 5, lines 15-20 and col. 6, lines 1-5.**

As to Claim 69, Rowells discloses wherein compressor 34 is rotationally connected to said reciprocating assembly.

As to Claim 70, wherein said compressor 34 is a positive displacement compressor (optional design choice).

As to Claim 71, wherein said compressor is a gear pump compressor (optional design choice).

As to Claim 72, Rowells discloses wherein said reciprocating assembly comprises a reciprocating piston 28.

As to Claim 73, Rowells discloses wherein said reciprocating assembly comprises a crankshaft 21, a connecting rod and a piston assembly 28.

As to Claim 75, Rowells discloses a method of operating an engine comprising: providing an engine having a housing that provide necessary spaces in the engine; a compressor 34 for forcing combustible material into the engine; a fuel injector 25 for injecting fuel into the engine for combustion; and a reciprocating assembly; providing combustible material to said compressor 34; providing fuel to said fuel injector 25; detonating said combustible material; and compressing additional combustible material after the step of detonating commences. **See col. 5, lines 15-20 and col. 6, lines 1-5.**

As to Claim 76, Rowells discloses wherein compressor 34 is rotationally connected to said reciprocating assembly.

As to Claim 77, wherein said compressor 34 is a positive displacement compressor (optional design choice).

As to Claim 78, wherein said compressor is a gear pump compressor (optional design choice).

As to Claim 79, Rowells discloses wherein said reciprocating assembly comprises a reciprocating piston 28.

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As to Claim 80, Rowells discloses wherein said reciprocating assembly comprises a crankshaft 21, a connecting rod and a piston assembly 28.

2. Claims 57 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nohira et al (US 4,318,273).

As to Claim 57, Nohira et al discloses a method for internal combustion engine, which comprises: compressing a fuel within a housing means between a compressor means 17 and a reciprocating means 3 to cause combustion wherein the energy of combustion is transferred to said reciprocating means 3 and said compressor means 17; wherein fuel injection means 32 injects fuel into said housing means; and spark ignition means 8 initiates combustion.

As to Claim 59, Nohira et al discloses a method for internal combustion engine, which comprises: compressing a fuel within a housing means between a compressor means 17 and a reciprocating means 3 to cause combustion wherein the energy of combustion is transferred to said reciprocating means 3 and said compressor means 17; wherein fuel injection means 32 injects fuel into said housing means; and having spark ignition means 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-39,41,64,65,66, and 67 are allowed.

Claims 74 and 81 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 3/14/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments such as "the transfer of combustion power between the compressor means and the reciprocating means occurs during the power cycle" on page 17, lines 12-13 is not persuasive because such limitation is not in the rejected claims. Rowells discloses when the intake valve is closed the energy of combustion is transferred to reciprocating means 28 and when the exhaust valve 30 opens the energy of combustion is transferred to compressor means 34. This action is made **Non-Final** because previously objected claims are now rejected by newly cited art.

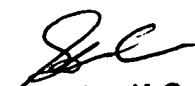
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HYDER ALI whose telephone number is (571) 272-4836. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Kirk Cronin can be reached on (571) 272-4536. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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